

House Bill 614 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Dreyer of the 59th and Schofield of the 60th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide for a \$10,000.00 homestead exemption from all City of
2 Hapeville ad valorem taxes for residents of that city, approved January 15, 1988
3 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 4866), so as to increase the existing homestead exemption to \$15,000.00;
4 to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum,
5 effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act to provide for a \$10,000.00 homestead exemption from all City of Hapeville ad
9 valorem taxes for residents of that city, approved January 15, 1988 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 4866),
10 is amended by revising Section 2 to read as follows:

11 "Section 2. Each resident of the City of Hapeville is granted an exemption on that person's
12 homestead from all City of Hapeville ad valorem taxes in the amount of \$15,000.00. The
13 value of the homestead in excess of the exemption amount shall remain subject to taxation."

14 **SECTION 2.**

15 In accordance with the requirements of Article VII, Section II, Paragraph II(a)(1) of the
16 Constitution of the State of Georgia, this Act shall not become law unless it receives the
17 requisite two-thirds' majority vote in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

18 **SECTION 3.**

19 The municipal election superintendent of the City of Hapeville shall call and conduct an
20 election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of
21 the City of Hapeville for approval or rejection. The municipal election superintendent shall
22 conduct that election on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 2019 and shall
23 issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The municipal election
24 superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week

25 for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Fulton County.

26 The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

27 " YES Shall the Act to provide for a \$10,000.00 homestead exemption from all
 28 City of Hapeville ad valorem taxes for residents of that city be amended so
 29 NO as to increase the homestead exemption to \$15,000.00?"

30 All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring
 31 to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on
 32 such question are for approval of the Act, Section 1 of this Act shall become of full force and
 33 effect on January 1, 2020. If the Act is not so approved or if the election is not conducted
 34 as provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective, and this Act shall
 35 be automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately following that election
 36 date. The expense of such election shall be borne by the City of Hapeville. It shall be the
 37 municipal election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State.

38 **SECTION 4.**

39 Except as otherwise provided in Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon
 40 its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

41 **SECTION 5.**

42 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.